

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date: May 9, 2005

By: William Chouard, RN 30888, for
Platon N. Mandros
Registration No. 22,124

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620